(a) whether Government are considering not to allow publication of foreign newspapers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The extant print media policy of the Government prohibits publication of Indian edition of any foreign newspaper or newsmagazine in India. The policy is under review. However, no decision has been taken.

Recovery of Outstanding Dues

†3333. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Film Development Corporation, his Ministry's undertaking , is suffering huge financial losses due to non-realization of dues amounting crores of rupees from the advertisement agents appointed by above corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken for recovery of the dues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Corporation was marketing Commercial Time on the slots allotted by Doordarshan to various advertising agencies and many of the agencies have defaulted in payment of dues.

(b) Recovery of dues could not be effected due to discontinuance of the marketing of Commercial Time of Doordarshan by the corporation since September, 2003 as Doordarshan started marketing its Commercial Time on its own. The details of the defaulting agencies is given in the Statement *(See* below*)*

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The steps taken by the Corporation for recovery of outstanding dues are as follows:

(i) Discussions with the agencies are in progress for reconciliation of accounts and clarifications wherever required for making payments;

(ii) Officials of the Corporation are taking follow up action individually for recovery.

(iii) A special audit has been initiated to examine thoroughly the details of outstanding dues and the recover ability of the amounts.

(iv) Legal notices have been served on agencies who have not come forward for settlement.

(v) A Cell has been constituted for recovery of outstanding dues and for serving legal notices and initiating appropriate proceedings by way of filing suit/criminal cases against the defaulting agencies.

Statement

Outstanding Position As On 31.03.2005

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Agency	Amount
1.	M/s. Aditya Enterprises, Indore	35.58
2.	M/s. A & A Films, Delhi	94.31
3.	M/s. Bisawa Creations	183.44
4.	M/s. Cine Penta Pvt. Ltd.	493.10
5.	M/s. Contract Advt. Pvt. Ltd.	22.87
6.	M/s. Creative Channel	314.71
7.	M/s. Hindustan Thompsons Associates	873.86
8.	M/s. Indradhanush	104.42
9.	M/s. IPSEM Healthcare Limited	95.86
10.	M/s. Mudra Communications P. Ltd.	55.00

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Agency	Amount
11.	M/s. Ogilvy & Mather Advt.	37.14
12.	M/s. Popular Ent. Work	60.60
13.	M/s. Prachar Communication Ltd.	228.51
14.	M/s. Purnima Advertising Agency	21.00
15.	M/s. R.K. Swamy/BBDO Ad. P. Ltd.	14.29
16.	M/s. Rediffussion	24.66
17.	M/s. Sanitex Chemicals Ltd., Indore	43.24
18.	M/s. Ulka Advertising	18.87
19.	M/s. WPP Marketing(Mumbai)	20.00
	TOTAL	2741.46

F.M. Coverage in Karnataka

3334. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of F.M. coverage in Karnataka;

(b) the places so far covered in the State by F.M. channel;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by AIR and F.M. channels to cover various parts of the State;

(d) whether Repeaters would be set up in the State to enable transmission over a greater range; and

(e) if so, the place identified for this propose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that presently 35.34% of the population of the State is covered by F.M. signal.